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Old East Village looks to future

In 2004, the Community Association, City of London and Old East Business Improvement Area partnered to support ongoing development in the area 20 new storefronts expected to be ready for business by 2013

"I have no time to worry about an outdated stigma," Sarah Merritt said about what others might think about life East of Adelaide. "My job is to work with people down here to do really great things."

As manager of the Old East Village Business Improvement Area, Merritt is focused on the positive results in an effort to revitalize the area, thanks to some helpful partnerships and a supportive community. As part of the revitalization process, there's an economic-development plan Merritt says is being driven at a grassroots level.

"We're maintaining momentum, but we need more resources," she said about the development plan.

Merritt said the village has benefited from partnerships with the Western Fair Entertainment District and Farmer's Market, as well as the City of London and community associations. But her group wants to do more and is focusing on new development to get more people living and working in the area.

"We need to strengthen the arts corridor and we want to partner with ethnic groups to bring a different cultural base to the area," she said. "The same old, same old doesn't work here.

"We have created great foundations to grow the local economy. Now we need to be creative to grow what we have, bring new people and businesses in and find a financial mechanism to support it." DAWN LYONS

▶ Sarah Merritt

Swing. Kids

▶ Dan Desjardins pushes his kids, Oliver, 3, and Maia, 5, on the swings at Ivey Park on Thursday afternoon.

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Higher! Higher! Dad gives kids a boost

Dad, son and daughter were taking advantage of the warm weather by checking out the splash pad before the kids wanted a ride on the swing.

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New Kids fans sing a helping song

Devotees of New Kids On The Block and The Backstreet Boys, who are bringing their NKOTBSB tour to the John Labatt Centre on Sunday night, are no ordinary fans.

They've organized events to bring people together prior to the show and to help charitable organizations.

A charity pub will be held at the Honest Lawyer (228 Dundas St.), from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. by fans raising money for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's Run for the Cure.

The group calls itself Team Betty, in honour of NKOTB member Danny Wood's mother, Betty, who died from the disease.

Tickets on sale

- Tickets ($91.25, $71.25) are still available for the 7:30 p.m. show. Drop by the JLC box office, call 1-866-455-2849, or visit johnlabattcentre.com.

For a $20 ticket, you get a drink and munchies, and you'll be entered into a grand-prize draw.

Also scheduled: grab bags, door prizes and a silent auction featuring NKOTB-related items.

Fans are also invited to gather at the JLC from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and bring a boxed-food item, such as Kraft Dinner or cereal, to help create a line of dominoes around the "block" of the JLC. The boxed food will be donated to the London Food Bank.

DAWN LYONS

Helping new leaders emerge

Non-profit group striving to keep the best and brightest in London

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▶ The Emerging Leaders annual general meeting will take place at Museum London on Thursday. Go to emergingleaders.ca for more information.

A community is only as good as its people, it's said.

Members of the non-profit Emerging Leaders group have made it their imperative to ensure the best and brightest in the city remain in the area and contribute to the betterment of London.

"We (want to) help to support people in London to do the things they want to do," said Kevin Van Lierop, community energizer for Emerging Leaders.

"(We can) help them unleash their talents — they'll be better connected to the city and have more reasons to stay and invest in London."

Emerging Leaders will be holding its first membership drive Thursday to celebrate its one-year anniversary as a non-profit enterprise and to hold its AGM.

"We'll be nominating our board for the next couple of years and reporting on what we've been up to over the past year," Van Lierop said.

"We want to celebrate (the membership drive) and talk about what we're going to be doing in the coming year to offer our members."

Visit emergingleaders.ca for more details about the group's programs and information on becoming a member.

The cost to join is $40 plus fees (regular member), or $20 plus fees for students.

The programs

Emerging Leaders has three core programs:

- **On Board** helps put new leaders onto established non-profit boards and committees to provide a new voice and perspective.
- **MentorNET** is a networking program that teams younger leaders in the city with established leaders in different organizations and professions.
- **Leadership London** is a professional-development series that focuses on developing people's leadership styles.

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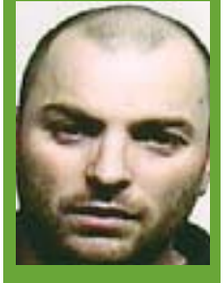

Police say the captured subject of a B.C. manhunt was hidden in plain sight. Video at metronews.ca

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News in brief

Labatt Park needs you

HOME RUN? It's the final weekend to vote for Labatt Park in Canada's favourite ballpark contest on Baseball Canada's website. Until 10 a.m. Monday, visit baseball.ca and click on Canada's favourite ballpark contest. Baseball Canada launched the contest last month.

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Your chance to help others

SIGN UP. The Middlesex-London Health Unit is seeking volunteers for the community emergency response team. Training begins next month, with a once-monthly daytime session. Visit healthunit.com or contact emergency@mlhu.on.ca for more information.

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Forest Edge gets $15,000

IN THE SWIM. Forest Edge Community Pool has received $15,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Forest Edge, a not-for-profit community organization, has been a gathering place for youth and families to participate in water sports and social activities for more than 40 years.

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Catch them at the library

DOUBLING UP. The London Arts Council and the London Heritage Council will share an expanded office space at London Public Library, 251 Dundas St.

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Highway 10 victim named

COLLISION. Dorothy McDonald, 66, of London, died after an SUV and a pickup collided on Highway 10 north of Orangeville Wednesday, police say.

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It ain't just your cheatin' heart that will tell on you

- Cheaterville.com allows users to accuse others of infidelity
- Website currently has 10,000 profiles of alleged heartbreakers

CHEATERVILLE.COM

▶ A screenshot of Cheaterville.com's home page.

For those with an itch to cheat, there's a new reason to think twice before sneaking around. Unless you want to risk being outed online.

Cheaterville.com, a U.S.-based website that made its way to Canada last month, allows anonymous users to post stories accusing friends, enemies, coworkers, ex-lovers and acquaintances of infidelity.

The site currently has about 10,000 profiles of alleged cheaters, which include full name, age, hometown, marital status, photos and other information.

The infidelity stories are not verified but that doesn't worry founder and CEO James McGibney.

"There's lots of things on the Internet and not everything is validated. At the end of the day, it's up to the person who's reading the post to determine whether it's true or not," said McGibney, noting that the site is moderated and posts with nude photos, personal phone numbers or credit card information are not allowed.

McGibney launched the site on Valentine's Day in Las Vegas and it has been gaining popularity since then.

A former U.S. marine, McGibney says he decided to start Cheaterville.com after a fellow marine found out his wife had been cheating on him during his deployment. Less than six months later, the site gets about 250,000 hits on a slow day, and McGibney hopes that it will soon reach a solid five million weekly hits.

CHEATERVILLE.COM

"You absolutely get what you deserve. We're here for the people who have been cheated on, not the cheaters."
JAMES MCGIBNEY, CHEATERVILLE.COM FOUNDER AND CEO

Critics, however, argue the site provides angry exes with an outlet to spread false information, ruin careers and break up families.

One Canadian listed on Cheaterville.com, who wished to remain unnamed, denied the accusations and said the site has no business publicizing private matters. The allegations could cause their family enormous distress and ruin their professional reputation, the accused added.

But McGibney said he is not concerned about protecting the reputations of cheaters or worrying whether a cheater's employer will discover their indiscretions and fire them.

"You absolutely get what you deserve. We're here for the people who have been cheated on, not the cheaters. I don't care about the cheaters," he said. "In my opinion, it serves them right if something like that happens to them."

MARIANA IONOVA

Wrongly accused? Tough luck

If you do by chance find yourself wrongly accused on Cheaterville.com, don't expect the website to take the post down.

Founder James McGibney says they don't play judge or jury. "We don't decide whether we believe that someone's telling the truth about an alleged cheater or not," he said.

According to Internet and defamation lawyer Gil Zvulony, if the accusations are both false and damaging, it could become a libel suit. But suing the website might not get you very far. While the defamation laws in Canada are different from the U.S.'s, Zvulony says the legalities aren't clear.

"It's certain in the U.S. they're immune from liability, it's uncertain in Canada," he said. "The law is completely different here, it's sort of uncharted territory. The law is not clear where websites may be liable or not."

While McGibney says the premise of the site is to help warn people before starting a relationship with a potential heartbreaker or sociopath, Zvulony says there could be a lot of repercussions to those who are falsely accused in such a public venue.

"My concern is that a lot of innocent people's lives are going to be hurt by this website, and a lot of marriages are going to break up and a lot of kids are going to have divorced parents because some idiot went on this website," he said. "The law as it stands today leaves a lot of loopholes for people to get away with this kind of thing."

PHOEBE HO

SENTENCING HEARING

Family of victim speaks at Tobin trial

The sister of Alex Zolpis said she still wakes up in tears and relies on a prescription to sleep since her brother was killed last Christmas Eve.

"There will always be a huge hole in my world where Alex should be," Meaghan Zolpis said in her victim impact statement yesterday at the sentencing hearing of Jack Tobin.

Tobin, son of former Newfoundland premier Brian Tobin, pleaded guilty in May to impaired driving causing death.

Tobin's lawyer, Norman Boxall, said he is seeking a sentence of 18 to 30 months, citing his client's remorse and immediate willingness to plead guilty. Crown prosecutor Mark Moors recommended five years in prison and a 10-year driving ban.

STEVE COLLINS

Happy 50th birthday, Mr. President

With the arduous debt talks behind him, U.S. President Barack Obama celebrated his 50th birthday at the White House on Thursday with a Rose Garden party, a toast from his senior staff and some good-natured ribbing from his wife.

Even on her husband's birthday, Michelle Obama couldn't resist poking fun at his greying hair in a campaign email with the subject line "Gray Hairs," in which she asked supporters to sign an electronic birthday card.

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I signed deal when drunk: Mayor

The mayor of a town in New Mexico says he was drunk when he signed nine contracts with a California company that is now suing the city for $1 million, according to a deposition in the case.

"The day I signed, I had way too much to drink. It was after 5 p.m. and I signed it (the contracts) and I didn't know what I was signing," Sunland Park Mayor Martin Resendiz wrote in response to questions from lawyers for the architectural design firm Synthesis+.

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Judge sorts evidence at Mubarak trial

A day after the start of Hosni Mubarak's historic trial, seven of his co-defendants were back in the courtroom on Thursday on charges of complicity in the killing of protesters during the uprising that toppled Egypt's longtime president.

The hearing of former interior minister Habib el-Adly and six top police officials was broadcast live on Egyptian state television.

The seven first appeared in court on Wednesday in the same defendants' cage with Mubarak and his two sons — one-time heir apparent Gamal and businessman Alaa — in a related case that is tried by the same judge. The Mubaraks' trial resumes Aug. 15.

Mubarak, el-Adly and the six police officials face the death penalty if convicted over the protesters' deaths.

The three Mubaraks separately face corruption charges.

El-Adly was Mubarak's interior minister for more than a decade, in charge of the country's 500,000-strong security forces.

Some of the worst human rights abuses during Mubarak's 29 years in office are blamed on el-Adly and his police force.

The judge gave the lawyers a week to examine the evidence before hearings resume on Aug. 14. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ An Egyptian man reads the al-Akhbar newspaper showing photos of ousted Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak on the second day of his trial on Thursday.

Evidence box

- Thursday's hearing dealt with procedural matters.
- The judge opened up boxes of evidence, which contained police logs during Egypt's uprising from Jan. 25-Feb. 11.
- The evidence also included several weapons and ammunition rounds, as well as a blood-soaked jacket.

Cops hunt for 'bomb' suspect

Australian police were hunting Thursday for a masked man who chained a fake bomb to a woman's neck after breaking into her wealthy family's home in an extortion attempt.

Bomb squad specialists safely freed Madeleine Pulver, 18, after 10 hours with the device attached around her neck. The device contained no explosives. A note of demands had been attached to the device. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

29,000 kids dead: U.S.

More than 1,000 refugees, mostly from Somalia, arrive daily to a crowded refugee camp in Dadaab, Kenya ◐ Most fleeing fighting, hunger

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▶ Women stand in line to get water in a refugee camp in Dadaab, Kenya, on Thursday. Dadaab, a camp designed for 90,000 people, now houses about 440,000 refugees. Almost all are from war-ravaged Somalia. Some have been here for more than 20 years, when the country first collapsed into anarchy.

The drought and famine in Somalia have killed more than 29,000 children under the age of five, according to U.S. estimates, the first time such a precise death toll has been released related to the Horn of Africa crisis.

The United Nations has said previously that tens of thousands of people have died in the drought, the worst in Somalia in 60 years.

The UN says 640,000 Somali children are acutely malnourished, a statistic that suggests the death toll of small children will rise.

Nancy Lindborg, an official with the U.S. government aid arm, told a congressional committee in Washington on Wednesday that the U.S. estimates that more than 29,000 children under the age of five have died in the last 90 days in southern Somalia.

That number is based on nutrition and mortality surveys verified by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The UN on Wednesday declared three new regions in Somalia famine zones, bringing the total number to five.

Out of a population of roughly 7.5 million, the UN says 3.2 million Somalis are in need of immediate lifesaving assistance.

Getting aid to Somalia has been made more difficult because al-Qaida-linked militants control much of the country's most desperate areas.

Al-Shabab has denied that a famine is taking place, and won't give access to the World Food Program, the world's biggest provider of food aid.

Tens of thousands of refugees have fled south-central Somalia in hopes of finding food at camps in Ethiopia, Kenya and in Mogadishu, the Somali capital.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been donated to fight the hunger crisis, but the UN says it needs hundreds of millions more. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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GM upgrading Oshawa plant to roll out new Cadillacs Production starts early in 2012

General Motors will invest $117 million to refit its assembly plant in Oshawa, Ont., to build the new Cadillac XTS next year.

GM said Thursday that the move will create or save 400 jobs on the flexible assembly line in Oshawa, site of the company's Canadian headquarters and main car-making operations.

The plant has had major changes in the past year, with new vehicle models and expanded production that has added two shifts and 1,300 jobs. It builds many GM models, from the Impala and Camaro to the Chevrolet Equinox and Buick Regal, and employs more than 4,500 people.

The Cadillac XTS is being designed to compete against other luxury cars, a highly competitive market. Production is planned to start next year.

GM Corp. and its Canadian subsidiary were bailed out by the U.S., Canadian and Ontario governments two years ago and restructured its operations, closed plants and introduced new models to compete more effectively and reverse its mounting losses.

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A fine line

- **The GM announcement** "delighted" Canadian Auto Workers president Ken Lewenza, though he was less certain it would add jobs at the plant in the short term.
- **"It will really depend on** the market," Lewenza said. "The reality is the investment will obviously provide the necessary capital to make the Oshawa facility flexible for the new product."
- **But in terms of overall job** creation, he said when a new vehicle is introduced, "more days than not it's to replace another and your objective is to increase the (sales) volume."

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▶ A worker moves a door into position for a 2012 Chevrolet Volt at the General Motors Hamtramck Assembly plant in Hamtramck, Mich. General Motors Co. said Thursday that its second-quarter profit nearly doubled to $2.5 billion US as it got higher prices for its cars and trucks worldwide.

Air Canada fined for 'deceptive' advertising

Air Canada has been fined $50,000 US by the U.S. Department of Transportation for violating "deceptive price advertising" rules in online ads.

"When passengers buy an airline ticket, they have a right to know how much they will have to pay," U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said in a news release Thursday announcing the fine.

The government agency found that Canada's largest carrier displayed ads on its websites in early 2011 that didn't disclose taxes and fees tacked onto advertised fares.

Consumers who clicked on the ads were taken to Air Canada's website but could not find details of the additional taxes and fees unless they scrolled down to the fine print at the bottom of the page, the department said.

Transportation Department rules require that any U.S. or foreign carrier that advertises a price for air transportation must state the full price to be paid by the consumer, including all carrier-imposed surcharges.

The only exception is passenger facility charges, which may be stated separately, but must be clearly disclosed in the ad.

Beginning in January, carriers will be required to include all government taxes and fees in advertised fares. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Air Canada's failure to disclose all additional fees and taxes in its online advertising landed the company a $50,000 fine by the U.S. Transportation Department.

Fare game

- **Air Canada will continue** to attempt to raise fares and trim costs to absorb higher fuel prices.
- **Fuel costs surged by 40 per** cent from a year ago and are expected to add about $800 million to the airline's operating expenses this year.
- **Air Canada and rival** WestJet have already implemented price increases to maintain profitability.

New agency to oversee government systems

About 8,000 public-sector tech workers are being wrapped into a new $2-billion federal agency in an effort to streamline Ottawa's information-technology systems.

In a move the Conservatives called "long overdue," a hodgepodge of more than 100 email formats, more than 300 data centres and 3,000 "overlapping and unco-ordinated" electronic networks will be consolidated under one virtual roof in the aim of creating a more efficient, secure and cheaper system.

Ottawa, through its various departments and agencies, spends about $5 billion a year on IT, of which $2 billion is to be transferred to the oversight and control of a new agency called Shared Services Canada. The government said it hopes to save $100 million to $200 million annually.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. THURSDAY

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft	Gold contract
↓	↓	↓	$3.941 US (- 14.9¢)	$1,659 US (- $7.30)
- 435.89 (12,380.13)	- 1.8¢ (102.09¢ US)	- $5.30 ($86.63 US)		

SOME DO GOOD DEEDS, OTHERS CLOSE LIBRARIES

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1 **People For Good:** The People For Good campaign running in large cities in Canada on transit shelters, buses, billboards and the like encourages people to, well, do good. The brains behind it have no ulterior motives, they just wanted to start a positive social movement. Check out their website, peopleforgood.ca or download their People For Good iPhone app. Then go out and do good.

2 **Ashley Picks ... J.P.!:** So J.P. proposed and Ashley said "Yes!" on the Bachelorette finale Monday. Only time — or the "dot dot dot" (thanks Bentley) — will tell whether they make it to the altar, as the batting average of couples who actually stay together from past Bachelor seasons is something like .150.

3 **Atwood for Mayor:** A public feud between Margaret Atwood and Toronto Coun. Doug Ford (Mayor Rob's older bro) that began over public libraries (he wants to close branches to save $$$; she says no way) has led Atwood supporters to begin a cheeky, viral "Atwood for Mayor" campaign on social media and around Toronto. Atwood's not biting: "Noo, not running for Mayor.. too old. Used to think Too Ignorant, but that hasn't stopped some. :D Appreciate the kind thoughts however!" she tweeted out to her 235,000 followers.

4 **Kings of Leon in trouble?:** Frontman Caleb Followill walked off the stage in Dallas last weekend, citing heat exhaustion, and didn't return. In an act of commendable transparency, his brother, bassist Jared, sent out a couple tweets: "Dallas, I cannot begin to tell you how sorry I am. There are internal sicknesses & problems that have needed to be addressed. No words", and "I love our fans so much. I know you guys aren't stupid... There are problems in our band bigger than not drinking enough Gatorade." The band has cancelled the rest of its U.S. tour., and apparently wants Caleb to go to rehab to address his drinking problems.

5 **The Change-Up opens:** This body-switching comedy starring Jason Bateman and Canada's Ryan Reynolds starts Friday, with Bateman playing an overworked lawyer, hubby and dad, and Reynolds a single man-child. Think an alpha-male version of Freaky Friday on steroids, and you've got a couple of escapist hours of outrageous, over-the-top LOL high jinks.

6 **MTV turns 30:** MTV turned 30 earlier this week and for a time had the impact on the music industry that Rolling Stone magazine did when it launched in 1967. In recent memory, of course, it has become much more about pop culture than the music, but college kids still want their MTV. They just watch it while also listening to iTunes and checking out YouTube videos.

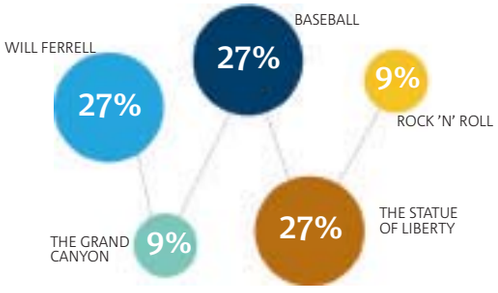
7 **Neil Armstrong:** Happy 81st birthday to the first man to walk on the moon, on July 20th, 1969. To celebrate, since Mr. Armstrong shares a birthday with Adam Yauch from the Beastie Boys, may we suggest a listen of Intergalactic?

8 **Robbie Alomar:** His No. 12 is now hanging from the rafters at Rogers Centre after being retired. Hope the next celebration he can be a part of is another Jays World Series. 2012 will be their year.

Follow Neil Morton on Twitter (@neilmorton).

Register at metropolitanpanel.ca and take the quick poll

If you were the U.S.'s biggest creditor, what's the first thing you'd repossess in the event of a debt default?



Local tweets

- **@kvl:** dude working at ToWheels, who lives Grand Ave who thinks he's a pro cyclist: How about not running red lights and riding on street. #ldnont
- **@nitemayr:** anyone in #ldnont have a server rack (short stack) they are willing to give away for free? I've got 1 1U server to rack and one switch....
- **@thatguyinlondon:** It's time to restart recruiting for #freegolf in #ldnont. Tell your family and friends. I'll golf every day if I can get there.
- **@GregRJacobs:** Is looking for a programming job in or around #ldnont #dev
- **@ScottWain:** Wow! #Richmond & #Sunningdale through downtown #Ldnont, all the way to #Wellington and #Exeter in 15 min. #Notbad
- **@rapcewicz4:** wow , unreal excited for school. #uwo #westernU - sept 5 come faster!
- **@jillianmatthies:** Exactly one month till move in! love my life #uwo
- **@bailey_bean:** That film exam was easy peasy! Yay one month of summer to relax! #summerschool #uwo

Worth Mentioning

JERRY LEWIS. Comedian Jerry Lewis and the Muscular Dystrophy Association aren't saying why they're fully parting ways after 45 years and raising more than $1 billion for the non-profit through its annual telethon.

But the 85-year-old comedian told reporters last week that he plans to hold a press conference the day after this year's telethon to talk about what he thinks is important.

When pressed by a reporter about his role with the telethon, Lewis said: "It's none of your business."

The association announced Wednesday that Lewis was no longer its national chairman and he would not appear on the telethon this year.

In May, Lewis said in a statement issued through the association that he would make his final appearance on the telethon this year and sing You'll Never Walk Alone during a six-hour primetime broadcast scheduled for Sept. 4.

When asked what he'd have to do to be satisfied with his life, Lewis said: "Get the cure for muscular dystrophy, then I'm fine."

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder

WEIRD NEWS

You don't need to get a bee in your bonnet, but ...

It was a traffic accident with an added sting.

RCMP officers had to close an Alberta highway Thursday after a truck carrying honey bees rolled into the ditch.

Mounties say the contents of 104 hives spilled onto both sides of the two-lane road southeast of Edmonton.

Police say the accident happened when one of the truck's wheels dropped over the highway's shoulder into the ditch. The flatbed rolled onto its side and skidded several hundred metres when the driver over-corrected in his attempt to get the wheel back on the road.

The owner of the bees arrived on the scene and advised the fire department to spray a mixture of water and foam. RCMP say that killed a lot of the buzzers and brought the situation down to a "manageable level."

The owner also arranged for several of his workers to help clean up. The surviving hives where loaded into two separate vehicles and taken back to their home.

The escapees are European honey bees, which aren't nearly as aggressive as potentially deadly African honey bees, which are known to pursue, swarm and sting. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Plot synopsis

- In modern day San Francisco geneticist James Franco develops a cure for Alzheimer's which when tested on chimps gives them extraordinary intelligence. When he rescues a baby chimp from his lab after an experiment gone wrong, the ape, named Caesar, uses his newfound smarts to begin a revolution between humans and apes. This ape is mad as hell and he's not going to take it anymore.
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ◍◍◍
  Mark: ◍◍½

▶ Freida Pinto and James Franco star in Rise of the Planet of the Apes.

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN
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Apes remake lacks soul

Rise of the Planet of the Apes is full of action, but loses the camp appeal of the original ◗ Crouse and Breslin concur: this classic was better left untouched

Richard: Mark, I love Planet of the Apes. I've seen the original and the sequels countless times but I don't think Rise will find its way to my Blu ray shelf. I liked the action and some of the monkey business was very cool, but honestly, I wish they would have kept their stinking hands off my beloved damn dirty apes.

MB: Yes, Richard, one tinkers with a masterpiece at one's own peril. And I can't help but miss the elements that made the original franchise so great, mostly the heavy-handed irony, satiric wit, and that the apes talked!!! These apes are just too real, grunting away like a bunch of...apes. Although, even the CGI isn't perfect. In some shots, Caesar, the lead ape, looks like an overgrown Beanie Baby.

RC: I thought Andy Serkis's performance-capture work as alpha ape Ceasar was both one of the movie's strengths and weaknesses. No doubt his facial expressions, particularly the use of his eyes, add much to the character but the computer generated imagery used to bring Caesar to life, while often impressive, lacks an organic feel. The Roddy McDowell era apes were obviously fake — sometimes painfully so — but somehow they had more soul.

MB: I don't know about you, but I found the story — Science Experiment Gone Awry! — cheesy and derivative, but I did enjoy Caesar's antics in James Franco's house, which were pure kinetic poetry. But I suspect the entire movie exists for the last 20 minutes when the apes run amok in San Francisco. Genuinely thrilling, for me. Did you think Franco is really the reason to see the movie?

RC: No, I don't think Franco or Freida Pinto are reason enough to see the movie. It's all about the monkey business. When the revolution begins the movie kicks into gear and becomes the movie the trailers promised. Some of the action is a bit too showy — since when can apes do martial arts? — but the scene of Caesar on horseback leading the charge against the heavily fortified cops is a real crowd pleaser but for my money it took WAY too long to get to the good stuff.

MB: There's also a lot of hack work in the minor roles: John Lithgow's saintly Alzheimer's patient, the angry next door neighbour, and worst of all, Franco's boss at the research facility — a cardboard villain out of a much cruddier film. The apes had more depth, although perhaps that's the point of the movie.

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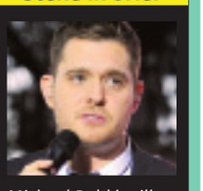
Scene in brief



Michael Bublé will bring a sprinkle of Christmas cheer to television this holiday season. The crooner says he will headline a holiday variety special on NBC in December. The show will be produced by Ben Silverman of The Office and Saturday Night Live mastermind Lorne Michaels.
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Lost Hitchcock film The White Shadow from 1923 discovered in New Zealand

Blige gets personal with The Help

Singer's soundtrack contribution is about moving forward She's doing that by testing her acting chops

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While she's lent her musical talents to films before, Grammy-winning singer Mary J. Blige wanted the Living Proof, her contribution to The Help, to be more than a mere soundtrack listing.

Based on Kathryn Stockett's best-selling novel of the same name, the Help captures the essence of 1960s Jackson, Miss., chronicling the relationships between three very different women who come together around a secret writing project that puts them all at risk.

"I saw a screening of the movie twice," Blige explains.

"At each screening I had my Blackberry and I would write down each time something would make me cry and I would write down when I laughed. By the time we got to the studio, the song was almost written."

And while the song intertwines thematically with the film, it's still an intensely personal piece for Blige. "It means everything to me," she says of the tune. "It means I know exactly where I'm going. I know what lies ahead for me. I know that my journey continues because it's been so rough here that to have any life, I have to have the courage to keep moving."

And moving forward is something Blige excels at, starting with moving from music into acting. Having already made several television and film appearances, most recently in Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself, Blige is currently shooting Rock of Ages.

Describing her casting in the Broadway smash-turned-movie as "a blessing," Blige plays Justice, "a gentlemen's club owner — a very nice strip club owner," she says.

"I have to be the light in a dark place. Normally the person that's always the most bubbly person is the person with the most problems. The person is always smiling. So, that's who Justice is. And that's basically my part. Of course there's singing. I sing and I act."

Blige is taking her new career seriously, working with an acting coach to hone her skills. "I'm improving," she says modestly.

While she says music has given her great confidence in life, "acting is just the opposite. It says to me, 'You've got a lot of work to do. You're blinking. You're stuttering. Keep working on that. Keep working on your confidence.'"

And where does she hope that growing confidence will take her? Ideally into a Steven Spielberg film. "If he ever does a huge movie, I would love for him to call Mary J. Blige to be one of the African-Americans in the film," she says. "That's a big deal."

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▶ From left, Emma Stone, Octavia Spencer and Viola Davis star in The Help.

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The Change Up
Genre: Comedy
Director: David Dobkin
Stars: Jason Bateman, Ryan Reynolds, Olivia Wilde

The Change Up, a new comedy starring Ryan Reynolds and Jason Bateman as best friends who switch personalities, feels as though it switched directors midway through.

The first hour is all gross out — baby endangerment, diaper hijinks and pregnant sex kittens — but into the second hour the characters not only start respecting one another, but the audience as well. It's still pretty outrageous stuff, but it has far more heart than the first half and the "I can't believe they just did that" laughs morph into genuine laughs based on the story and characters.

RICHARD CROUSE

Critics slam Oprah's Academy Award

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▶ Oprah presents an award at this year's Oscars.

Film academy president Tom Sherak is coming to Oprah Winfrey's defence.

Sherak says Winfrey is "one of the most philanthropic performers in the world" and thus deserving of the academy's Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences voted Tuesday night to present Winfrey with an Oscar statuette at the annual Governors Awards in November.

Blogs have been abuzz with criticism over the selection of Winfrey.

In an article published Wednesday, Los Angeles Times columnist Patrick Goldstein calls the academy decision "a bonehead move."

Goldstein and Deadline.com's Nikki Finke say Winfrey belongs more to the world of television than film. She was nominated for a supporting actress Oscar for 1985's The Color Purple, produced and appeared in Beloved in 1998 and was an executive producer of 2009's Precious.

Finke asks in her post if "no one among the philanthropic film bigwigs deserved this award more than her this year?"

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The Glee Project: 'Boot camp' for the big league

Up and coming singers compete for guest stint on Glee

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▶ Shown are the Season 1 contestants of The Glee Project, from left: Damian, Alex, Ellis, Bryce, Emily, McKynleigh, Marissa, Samuel, Lindsay, Ellis, Matheus, Hannah and Cameron.

No one has been named the next star of Glee just yet, but the contestants on The Glee Project already feel like bona fide celebrities.

Earlier this week, the final six singers walked the red carpet at NBC Universal's Television Critics Association party at trendy The Bazaar by Jose Andres in Los Angeles; and each of them looked every bit a star, too.

"It was amazing," contestant Alex Newell gushed during an interview. "We all love to perform, but to get recognized for what we do and what we love to do is amazing. I know that I loved it, and I know that everybody loved to be on a red carpet for the first time too."

The downside of fame via a reality competition, however, is that only one contestant wins the grand prize of a seven-episode guest stint on Glee.

The producers admit the process of whittling down the talent pool on a weekly basis was "excruciating."

"Everyone is fit for the show, which made our decision even more difficult," says mentor Zach Woodlee, who also serves as choreographer/producer on Glee.

"We actually had to look at this show as a trial and sort of a boot camp to get people Season 3 ready. So each week it was who is raising the bar. We would sit there and be like, 'Who is making the most progress in this week?' It's who was ready to be at Season 3 quality of our cast on the scripted show."

So is there any chance more than one competitor might wind up walking the halls of McKinley High?

"Ultimately that's up to [Glee creator] Ryan Murphy," mentor Robert J. Ulrich says.

"But they're all wonderful enough to have that chance; and as a casting director, I would keep them in mind for everything else that I do."

Gleek clique

- **The Glee Project** airs Sundays at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT on Slice.
- **Early dropout:** Cameron Mitchell left the competition as he was uncomfortable with the sexual situations he may have had to portray on Glee.
- **Mitchell** says he doesn't regret his choice to return home: "To some people it might seem like a hasty decision. But it was something that I truly felt in my heart," he says.

TV show learned its lesson

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CBS didn't bring the cast and producers of Two and a Half Men to the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif., this week because "they're in production," CBS Entertainment President Nina Tassler told journalists, who audibly groaned at that excuse (numerous other shows "in production" managed to attend).

Instead, Tassler fielded questions about the show, offering praise for new lead Ashton Kutcher and sharing lessons learned from the Charlie Sheen debacle.

Tassler announced Kutcher will play Walden Schmidt on Two and a Half Men, an "Internet billionaire with a broken heart."

Walden will be introduced in a two-part episode airing over two weeks, Tassler said. She refused to confirm or deny rumours that the season premiere will involve a funeral for Sheen's character. Tassler touted the "mystery" surrounding the exit/entrance of Sheen and Kutcher's characters, saying the network has high hopes that these episodes will be "an event" and draw viewers.

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▶ Ashton Kutcher

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Lance Bass wants to get married, have kids

Former pop star still looking for suitable partner since high profile split

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Marriage is definitely part of the plan for former N'Sync star Lance Bass.

"I definitely want that. I'm a Southerner. We dream of having the family and the kids, and the parents want grandkids, that's all they care about; 'Give me some grandbabies,'" he tells the Daily Beast.

But first he has to find a boyfriend. While he's been spotted with more than a few men on his arm since his breakup with Reichen Lehmkuhl in 2006, the unidentified beau he's seeing now is the closest he's come to something serious, he insists.

"I haven't had a boyfriend in four years. But now it's getting there."

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▶ Lance Bass

▶ Jason Statham

Transporter star buys Stiller's house

Jason Statham is looking to settle down, and he's found just the place. The Transporter star purchased Ben Stiller's $11.5 million Hollywood Hills home, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

The 10-bedroom Mediterranean-style home with guest house near the Hollywood Bowl was originally listed for $12.5 million in 2009, but Stiller and wife Christine Taylor re-listed it for $1 million less. Statham, who is dating Transformers: Dark of the Moon star Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, recently sold a nearby bachelor pad for $2.7 million, according to the Daily Mail.

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Talking points

Osbourne calls out Aguilera for past insults

HOLDING A GRUDGE. Kelly Osbourne doesn't mince words when it comes to Christina Aguilera. On a recent episode of E!'s Fashion Police, while mocking Aguilera's outfit, Osbourne unloaded.

"Maybe she is just becoming the fat bitch she was born to be," Osbourne said.

The anger apparently comes from personal history.

"She called me fat for so many f—ing years. So you know what? F— you! You're fat, too." METRO

Vergara fears having new kids

FAMILY PRESSURE. Though she's already a parent, Modern Family star Sofia Vergara isn't as thrilled about doing the whole pregnancy thing again, she tells Redbook magazine.

"When I had (my son) Manolo, I was 19, and I had the energy for everything," he says.

"My boyfriend now wants to have kids, and I don't even want to think about it. I would have to get into that mind-set again, the waking up early."

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Paltrow looks to change image

TRYING MUSIC Gwyneth Paltrow is looking to shake up her image.

"It's good to shock people who think of me as the prim Gwyneth Paltrow," she tells Elle magazine.

One way she's looking to do that, under the guidance of some very famous friends, is by exploring a music career.

"Beyoncé Knowles and Jay-Z — they think that I should just go do it by myself. That I should go in a studio and see what happens," she says.

"And if it's good, do it. And if it's not, don't. So that's probably what I'll do."

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Celebrity tweets

@oliviawilde
"5am call. i'm sleeping with the director and i still can't catch a break? p.s. i'm the director. why didn't i write a story about sunsets?"

@therealzooeyd
"I'm tired. I wish I could brush my teeth and wash my face in my bed. Why are there not bed-sinks yet?"

@IMKristenBell
"Is it illegal to peel moronic bumper stickers off other peoples vehicles? If it's not, it might be my new full time job. Idiots beware."

@SarahKSilverman
"Traumatic moments happened to you - you just don't realize it b/c there was no scary music playing.!"

The art of mix & match

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If you're a fan of single varietal wines (those made with just one grape), it's time for some tough liquid love. Many (and by many I mean most) wines that display one grape on their label are made from a juice blend.

But there's no need to riot. The laws of almost all wine producing countries allow for the mingling of fruit to balance flavour. What's typically displayed on the front panel is the primary grape which is usually more than 85 per cent of the union.

The French certainly love the idea of mixing grapes. The wines of Champagne are nearly always a blend of at least two, while winemakers in the Rhone Valley's famed Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation can have their way with more than 13 to come up with their final cuvée.

The Aussies' have mastered the mega blend with wines like Peter Lehmann's 2008 Layers Red ($16.99 - $19.99) a bright berry mash of shiraz, tempranillo, carignane, mourvèdre and grenache that's red meat ready.

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Grill for meat lovers & herbivores

This weekend, make veggies the main dish & use meat as an accent

Food Network star Guy Fieri offers a recipe for a grilled romaine salad

A salad should be chopped in the kitchen, not at the table. That's the advice of Food Network star Guy Fieri, who prefers salads made from bite-size pieces. "A good salad shouldn't require a knife," he said.

However it does require a salad spinner, or some other means of drying the greens. One of Fieri's salad turnoffs is wet lettuce. "It needs to be rinsed and dried," he said.

Here, Fieri offers an intense salad of grilled romaine lettuce.

"The sweet flavour of the romaine comes out when you char it on the grill," he said. "Hit it with the balsamic vinaigrette, bacon, onion and blue cheese and you have a nice balance of sweet and savory flavours."

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▶ This recipe takes just 15 minutes to make and serves six.

Preparation:

1. Heat a grill to high. In skillet over high, heat 15 ml (1 tbsp) of olive oil. Add onion and bacon and cook until bacon is crispy, about 10 minutes. Use slotted spoon to transfer onion and bacon to plate. Return skillet to heat and add the balsamic vinegar and 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the olive oil. Bring to a simmer, then cook to reduce for 2 minutes. Remove from heat.
2. Brush romaine with remaining 30 ml (2 tbsp) of olive oil, then season with salt and pepper. Place on grill cut side down and quickly sear until grill marks are visible. Set aside.
3. For each serving, place half a head of romaine cut side up on a plate and drizzle the balsamic dressing. Sprinkle with blue cheese and the bacon and onion mixture, then season with black pepper.

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Ingredients:

- 60 ml (4 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) finely diced red onion
- 250 g (1/2 pound) bacon, diced into small pieces
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) balsamic vinegar
- 3 romaine lettuce heads, halved lengthwise, cores removed, leafy ends trimmed
- Salt and black pepper
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) crumbled blue cheese

These Grilled Sweet Pepper Rolls are not only colourful but also delicious with goat cheese

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▶ This recipe serves eight.

Preparation:

1. Thread onion quarters onto metal skewers. Brush with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Grill onion and red and yellow peppers over medium-high heat, turning often. (10 mins. for onion and 20 mins. for peppers or until charred.) Let cool. Thinly slice onion and set aside. Peel, seed and halve peppers.
2. In saucepan, bring vinegar to boil; reduce heat and simmer until reduced by half and syrup-like, 5 mins.
3. Lay 1 basil leaf on each pepper half. Top each leaf with 15 ml (1 tbsp) grilled onions, then 15 ml (1 tbsp) goat cheese. Season with pepper. Bring 2 sides of pepper over filling to close. To serve, place handful of arugula in centre of salad plates. Top each with pepper and drizzle with balsamic glaze.

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Ingredients:

- 1 red onion, quartered
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 each sweet red and yellow peppers
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) balsamic vinegar, for glaze
- 8 to 16 basil leaves
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) soft goat cheese
- 750 ml (3 cups) baby arugula

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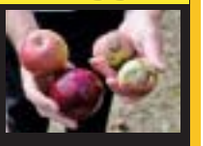

The pleasure of eating apples — or many other Canadian–grown fruits — quickly turns to disgust if a bite into the fruit reveals a creepy, crawly insect.

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"We have to see if we agree with the test. If we agree with the test, then it's legit. If not, they have to come up with another one."

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Lawrie's leaving Las Vegas

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▶ Tampa Bay rookie Robinson Chirinos leaps off of first base Thursday after his game-winning, 12th-inning hit against Toronto.

Jose Bautista bumped back to right field to make room for young third baseman from Langley, B.C.

Canadian third baseman Brett Lawrie will soon make his long-awaited debut with the Toronto Blue Jays.

The team selected his contract from triple-A Las Vegas shortly after the Jays dropped a 7-6, 12-inning decision to the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday afternoon.

"We wanted to get him some August at-bats to get a little bit more of a read on him, so he deserved to be up here," general manager Alex Anthopoulos said on a conference call.

Outfielder Travis Snider is the odd man out and he was sent back down to the triple-A club.

"It was not an easy decision to make," said Anthopoulos. "It really came down to (rookie right-fielder) Eric Thames and Travis. (Manager John Farrell) and I talked about it at length and player performance is really what it came down to."

Snider has hit .225 in 49 games this season with three home runs and 30 RBIs. Thames is hitting .272 in his first season in the majors with 22 RBIs and five home runs in 46 games.

"When you look at the numbers and the performances to date, they both haven't done all that well in the last week or so," said Anthopoulos. "Eric Thames is probably a little bit ahead of (Snider) in July, but on the season, overall, Eric's played a little bit better than Travis."

"We wanted to find out about Brett Lawrie sooner rather than later."
JAYS GM ALEX ANTHOPOULOUS

Anthopoulos said Thames would move to left field and the newly acquired Colby Rasmus will stay in centre.

The Blue Jays also recalled left-hander Luis Perez from Las Vegas and placed right-hander Carlos Villanueva on the 15-day disabled list with a right forearm strain.

The 21-year-old Lawrie, has hit .353 for Las Vegas this season with 18 home runs and 61 RBIs. The top prospect was acquired from the Milwaukee Brewers last December in the Shaun Marcum trade.

"You know you're not going to be 100 per cent sure. Like I always say, the likelihood with all young players is that they're probably going to have to go back down, but at least you want to do the best you can developmentally to prepare them for being up here," Anthopoulos said.

"Hopefully now with Brett he can be up here to stay for the entire year."

The Blue Jays continue their road trip Friday with the opener of a weekend series against the Baltimore Orioles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rays rookies rally

The rookies were major contributors in Tampa Bay Thursday, helping the Rays comeback twice in extra innings to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-6.

- Brandon Jennings' solo homer in the 10th made it 4-4. Robinson Chirinos tied it again in the 11th with a two-out, pinch-hit single up the middle against Shawn Camp (1-2), then won it with another two-out single in the 12th.
- The Blue Jays took a brief lead in the 10th when Colby Rasmus delivered a RBI double for his biggest hit since being acquired from St. Louis. Reliever Jon Rauch blew a save chance in the bottom half when Jennings hit a leadoff homer.
- Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 33rd home run for Toronto, a solo shot off Wade Davis that made it 3-3 in the eighth.

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Tiger passes Round 1 test

Tiger Woods said his left knee felt as strong as he thought it was. His game didn't look half bad, either.

Playing for the first time in nearly three months, Woods made a strong opening statement Thursday that his health is no longer an issue by going after any shot from any lie in a round of 2-under 68 at the Bridgestone Invitational. It was Woods' lowest opening round of the year.

"It feels great," Woods said. "As anybody who's been off and who's been injured, first time back it's a little nervous to see what happens. But my practice sessions were good, so there's no reason why I should be worried out there. I went out there and let it go, let it rip, and see what happens."

"Today was just (said), 'Let's go, let's go play, just put everything else aside ... try to post a low number.'"
TIGER WOODS

His ex-caddie saw the kind of golf he was used to seeing at Firestone, too.

Steve Williams, now working permanently for Adam Scott after Woods fired him a month ago, watched the Australian play flawlessly in matching his career-low round with a 62 that gave Scott a one-shot lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ British Open champion Darren Clarke, left, watches Tiger Woods' tee shot on Thursday

ACCEPTING MY PLACE IN THE WORLD OF BASEBALL

LIFE WITH THE MAJORS

MIKE ARSENAULT
MAJORS PITCHER AND IBL INSIDER

This is The End.

I can't believe that it's the first week of August and that the Majors have no more games left (those who regularly read this space will appreciate the symmetry of this sentence to my first article).

What am I supposed to do now? Grow up and focus on a career instead of playing a kid's game every day for three months with 25 buddies, enjoying all the ups and downs that baseball has to offer?

I shudder at the thought.

When I first came to London back in May, my goal was to play baseball at the highest level my talent could allow me to achieve.

You always hear guys in the twilight of their athletic lives longing for the old days — that, with a little bit of luck, they coulda been a contender, they coulda been somebody. Regret is not something I wanted to live with.

I played senior baseball the last few years, enjoying some decent success — I actually led the province in strikeouts last summer — but I always had that nagging "what if?" in the back of my mind.

How far could I go in baseball?

I sit here now, content in the knowledge that the IBL is, without a doubt, the highest level of baseball I can play. I don't throw nearly hard enough or possess the command of my secondary pitches to get batters out in higher levels of professional baseball.

I lack the intangibles that separate good players from those who, upon seeing their skills, are destined for greater things in the game.

I'm not upset, nor am I disappointed. I have the answer I was looking for at the start of the summer. There is no regret, no "what if?" I can continue playing because I love the game, not because a part of me has delusions of grandeur of making it to The Show.

Until I get Tommy John surgery and start throwing 95 miles an hour. Rogers Centre here I come!

Maybe I haven't learned that much.

Mike Arsenault is a pitcher in his first year with the Majors.

A-Rod plays cards close to his vest

Yankee not talking about probe of his links to illegal poker games

Alex Rodriguez refused to discuss a Major League Baseball investigation into his involvement in illegal poker games, ending an interview Thursday with a one-word answer.

The New York Yankees had said the injured star would stop his post-workout media session at the team's minor-league training complex if any reporter posed an non-baseball question.

Rodriguez spoke for several minutes about his recovery from knee surgery. But when asked if he would not discuss the poker games, he said "yep" and walked to his car.

Rodriguez's publicist, however, said the slugging third baseman was looking forward to co-operating with MLB in its poker probe.

Star Magazine reported last month that several people saw A-Rod playing in games hosted at Hollywood hotels and residences.

Richard Rubenstein, Rodriguez's publicist, said in a statement Thursday morning that the Star's story contains "numerous factual inaccuracies."

Rodriguez said it will take a few days to get a timeframe for rejoining the Yankees.

"I think I'll have a much better indication over the next 48 hours," he said.

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▶ Alex Rodriguez speaks to the media about his rehabilitation progress following a rehab workout Thursday.

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Calvillo breaks record

Anthony Calvillo has broken another of Damon Allen's all-time CFL passing records.

The Montreal quarterback eclipsed Allen's all-time completions record of 5,158 with an 18-yard strike to Brandon London late in the first quarter of the Alouettes game Thursday night against the Toronto Argonauts.

Play continued after the record-setting completion although it was acknowledged on the Rogers Centre's Jumbotron.

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Catcher in the wrong

Cards' Molina accepts five-game suspension for bumping umpire, spraying him with spittle Will use time to let bruised hand heal

St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina decided not to appeal a five-game suspension for bumping an umpire and spraying him with spittle, saying the punishment was fair.

The Cardinals' schedule and Molina's sore hand made the decision easier to sit out now.

Molina received the suspension Thursday and began serving it hours later, when St. Louis opened a four-game series at Florida. The Cardinals are chasing the NL Central-leading Milwaukee Brewers and face them in a crucial three-game series beginning Tuesday.

Molina will return from his suspension Wednesday.

"I was looking at it like, take it right away," he said. "You want to be part of the race. It's better to do it now and get it done with and move on."

Another factor in the decision not to appeal was the bruise on the palm of Molina's right hand. The injury occurred when he blocked a pitch Wednesday, and he said it likely would have kept him out of two or three games anyway.

Molina said the spittle was unintentional but apologized for his tantrum. Along with the suspension, he was fined an undisclosed amount.

He became incensed after getting called out on strikes by plate umpire Rob Drake in the 10th inning Tuesday night in Milwaukee. After being ejected, Molina kept bumping his chest into Drake, and some spit flew into the umpire's face during the dispute.

"I'm sorry about it for our fans, the people in St. Louis and our organization," Molina said. "That's not me. I'm a good guy. I was caught up in the moment. That's what happens when you're caught up in the race and trying to win. I didn't handle it the right way."

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▶ Yadier Molina argues with home-plate umpire Rob Drake.

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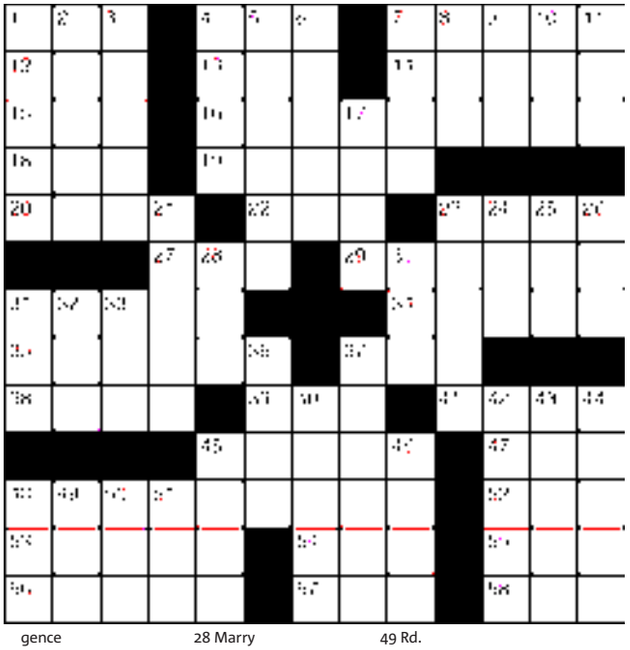

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58 Individual

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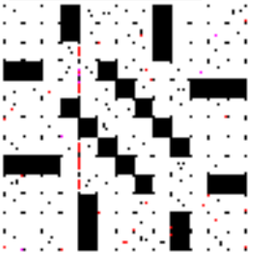

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♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 There is something you must deal with but you keep putting it off because it may be unpleasant. Suck it up.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You have the right, even the duty, to speak your mind, whatever the consequences might be.
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Responsible credit use helps newcomers attain independence

Heather Soares remembers teaching her daughters to be independent in their new Canadian surroundings. "When we realized the supermarket didn't offer bags or home delivery, the girls ran home for the luggage trolley," laughs Heather, who moved her two teenagers to Mississauga, Ontario from Pune, India.

Determined to build a future for her girls, Heather was hesitant to accept the guest room of a friend, or a credit card from her bank, since she wanted to avoid dependence. "I soon learned to accept help from good people, and that credit is part of life here," recalls Heather, who worked at a major bank in India where credit cards were not viewed favourably.

"I was ready to do anything, and soon realized that there were options available," adds Heather. She juggled a temporary job at a big box store alongside her eldest daughter, upgraded her skills at the Peel Mentoring Partnership for internationally trained professionals, and studied during her bus commute. Through ACCES, a program sponsored in part by Scotiabank, which assists job seekers new to Canada, Heather was able to write her Canadian Securities exam at no cost, and find a job at Scotiabank a year after arriving in Canada.

"It was wonderful for a bank to offer a credit card when no one would even rent you an apartment," notes Heather. She had herself benefited from the ***Scotiabank StartRight***® Program[1] for Newcomers, which includes a free day-to-day bank account for one year[2], a wide range of VISA* card options[3] and a number of other customized services and benefits – when she moved to Canada.

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For example, she advises them to be mindful of interest rates, avoid carrying a balance and to make the minimum monthly payment on time, to preserve their credit scores. She also helps them choose the right credit card features for their needs.

Heather also counsels immigrants about saving for their goals, like a new car or home ownership, by starting to save with higher-interest savings accounts and accessing government programs.

"I try to go the extra mile to help customers understand the services available to them," concludes Heather. "I've been in their shoes and I know one can achieve independence by talking to trusted advisers, doing research and helping yourself."

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